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ALMA

Dr. Albright: The leading Orientalist in the world today, Prof. Wm. Albright of Johns Hopkins, was a guest and speaker at Alma, Feb. 17. He showed slides of archeological excavations he had conducted in the Holy Land, and described the Dead Sea Scrolls. These are Old Testament manuscripts written about 50 B.C. and discovered in 1947. Dr. Albright, a Methodist, is doing great work for the Church in that he is one of the persons most responsible for the decline of Wellhausenism (destructive rationalistic criticism of Scripture). He called his Alma audience "the most stimulating I have spoken to on my tour. The most hostile were my own co-religionists, a group of Methodist ministers. Most of them rejected prophecy and other supernatural phenomena." Dr. Albright, in inspecting the Alma library, thought it "one of the finest seminary libraries in the country. Some of the books we don't have even at Johns Hopkins."

Dr. Albright is regarded as a genuine benefactor of the Society for the efforts he has devoted to the training of many of our younger Scripture professors in the Assistancy.

Pastoral. Fr. Wm. Huesman, dean of studies, has arranged that instructions in pastoral theology be given by Jesuits experienced in the various ministries. Fr. Acquistapace of El Retiro gave the first talk, Feb. 18, on eight-day retreats to nuns. He has been in the work for 24 years. Fr. Dondero spoke Feb. 23 on working with youth organizations. Two principles he stressed were "Always be there" and "Only one motive works—to lead people to God."

Scripture. Fr. Michael J. Gruenthaner, professor of Scripture at St. Mary's, Kansas, and at Catholic U., came Jan. 31, took over Fr. Casey's classes Feb. 1. Fr. Casey is in San Francisco, recovering his health.

Ordination. June 12, Corpus Christi Day, will be ordination day at the Cathedral. Subdiaconate and diaconate will be conferred in Menlo Park on June 10 and 11. Assisting Mr. John Kelly with ordination preparations at Alma is Mr. Mahan, who has already finished the arduous task of cleaning out the weeds in and around Front Lake.

Congratulations. Fr. Minister Ford's third anniversary at Alma was commemorated Feb. 2 at a feast and program originated by Mr. Wollesen (Ore.) Fr. T. Leahy and Messrs. Miller (South. Prov.) Murphy and Sauvain (Ore.) and Harkin wrote and executed a song-skit; Fr. McShane and Mr. Caldwell decorated. Mr. Wollesen, downed briefly by flu on the day of the feast, had Mr. Kelly manage the immediate preparations.

Mr. Philip Vogel, first year Theologian (Chicago), was congratulated Feb. 13 on the receipt of his Ph. D. degree in anatomy, earned at Loyola Medical School during three years in Regency.

Brothers. Bro. Robert McFadden is installing a fire alarm system with thermostats in all

dormitory rooms. Bro. Meyers is now working in the Alma bindery, Bro. Leonard Sullivan having transferred to the Novitiate. Bro. McDermott completed the expansion of the bindery into what was till recently the tailor shop.

Varia. Fr. Bartholomew O'Neill will teach theology this semester at the new Novitiate of the Holy Names Sisters in Los Gatos, beginning March 3.

Thirty-five Theologians contributed to the Blood Bank in Los Gatos on Jan. 2, nine more in Santa Cruz on Feb. 18. Fr. Bertin (Ore.), using war surplus parts and a few dollars worth of new equipment, constructed a stroboflash worth $400. It is a kind of permanent flashbulb for interior photography and will be for the use of the house.

AZUSA

January. Only three week-end retreats were given, to wit by Frs. Vaughan, Odou and J. Walshe Murray. The fourth retreat to have been given by Fr. Whelan was washed out by the torrential downpour. The group had been organized by Fr. Sulivan to come from the military base at Lancaster but roads were impassable.

Jan. 6, Fr. Whelan was delegated by Mgsr. Cawley to receive the vows at the nearby Carmelite Convent in Duarte. Jan. 7, Fr. Donovan left for San Francisco, and on the same date two Novices, Bros. Gilpatric and Sheehy, arrived for the month's experiment. Off-campus activities included a Day of Recollection for the Clergy in Bakersfield by Fr. Vaughan, and for the Holy Name men at Palm Springs by Fr. Odou. Jan. 15, Fr. Vaughan went to St. Vincent's Hospital for a general checkup to find if possible the cause of his high blood pressure, and remained there for ten days.

Laboratory. The old Pacific Electric Lines that used to run past the Retreat House have been abandoned, and replaced by buses. Fr. Vaughan asked the Electric Company to donate the station or shelter on Palm Drive to Manresa. The Company workmen dragged it up to a site behind the White House, where Fr. Vaughan hopes to set up a chemical laboratory, a sort of hobby house, where he may follow up some of the ideas he had years ago when teaching chemistry at Santa Clara. Photographs of the newly located station house and Fr. Vaughan were taken by the Railroad Company, and widely circulated with a news story in the L. A. Times and most of the L. A. County dailies and weeklies. The Monrovia Daily News sent over a reporter and photographer last month and we had a wide spread in the Monrovia and Pasadena newspapers.

BELLARMINE

Two Deaths. At 5 a.m. on Jan. 3 Mr. Enright discovered a fire in Fr. Fennell's room in the infirmary. The fire had been going for some time and with difficulty Mr. Enright removed Fr. Fennell from the room. Fr. Minister (David Walsh) anointed him and he was rushed to O'Connor Hospital. Dr. Ameral pronounced him dead for about an hour and a half, which would place his death around four o'clock.

At 10:30 p.m. the same day Fr. Ralph died in St. Mary's Hospital after an operation for the removal of the prostate gland. He had been ill for two months previously. Fr. Provincial (J. O'Brien) officiated at the Offices of the Dead and Masses for both Fr. Fennell and Fr. Ralph in the Mission Church at Santa Clara.

To replace Fr. Ralph in the first high religion classes Fr. Weckbach arrived Feb. 4. Fr. J.

V. O'Sullivan replaced Fr. Ralph as house librarian. He has reorganized the faculty library and arranged for new books. Mr. Swain is in charge of the students' library.

Retreat. Fr. G. Flynn conducted the senior retreat at El Retiro, Feb. 4-6, with Frs. Colosimo and McDermott assisting at devotions and confessions.

The Sodality had a formal reception for candidates at the beginning of February. Fr. McDermott and his Scholastic assistants are very actively promoting apostolic projects. New signs are posted in every class weekly to stimulate prayer and zeal.

Oratory. Jack Sheehy, a sophomore, won the Santa Clara County American Legion Oratorical Contest about the Constitution. Most of the contestants were seniors. He won $25 and a medal. Ninety-eight students competed in the tryouts conducted by Frs. Corvi and Flynn for the annual elocution contest to be held March 13. Scholastics are coaching the ten finalists.

Forensics. Bellarmine members of the National Forensic League competed in four tournaments and fared as follows: Modesto, two finalists in persuasive speaking (oratorical interpretation), and one finalist in dramatic reading (serious reading); Oakland, finalists in radio announcing and extemporaneous speaking, first place in oratorical interpretation; Ripon, second in impromptu, second and third in extemporaneous speaking, second in debate and second in general tournament sweepstakes; Modesto, Feb. 9, first in oratorical interpretation, tied for oratory sweepstakes, fourth in extemporaneous speaking, another finalist in extemporaneous.

The Bellarmine chapter also sent representatives to the NFL Student Congress held at Merced in December. The second Student Congress will take place in Sunnyvale this spring. These serve to promote citizenship and knowledge of democratic parliamentary procedure. M. Poche of Bellarmine was elected alternate to the National Student Congress to take place this year at Boston U. Moderators of NFL this year have been Messrs. Swain and Aziz. The latter now carries on the work so ably started by Mr. Swain.

Alumni. Fr. Conway had two organization meetings of the alumni during February. The Dads and Mothers staged a dinner-dance in the gymnasium. Fr. Hynes of Santa Clara gave a talk to the Bellarmine Guild on the requirements for entering college. Fr. Flynn spoke to the Mothers Guild of St. Joseph's School.

Sports. The new football coach, announces Fr. Plushkell, will be John Henna, former player from the U. of Santa Clara and successful coach at Hollister High. His teams won championships in 1950 and 1951. Dick Pfaff, varsity guard, was listed on the first team All-American by Scholastic Magazine and on the first team All-Catholic of American high schools by the Catholic paper of Chicago. Previously he had been selected as all-city, all-county, all-Catholic and all-Northern California. Denny Crosby was also selected on several all-star teams.

Varia. In a quiet drive for faculty building funds about $25,000 have been donated and $11,000 pledged. A new bus obtained with the proceeds from two magazine drives has been purchased and was recently delivered. Fr. Gruye took his science classes and clubs to the General Electric Exhibition in a local school. The spring play will be "Arsenic and Old Lace."

LOS GATOS

Bro. Sullivan has come from Alma to replace Bro. Meyers as custodian of the clothes room. The latter has gone to Alma. Bro. Benecke has begun to install the new elevator in the Juniorate Wing. Work on the new infirmary, delayed by the rain, is progressing well and should be completed during March. The

Novices have planted more than 1000 strawberry vines. Roger Schmeeckle entered the Novitiate Feb. 1 as a Scholastic Novice.

Fr. Hubbard visited to show us some of the uncut film from which he is making a movie of the Winery. The pictures were taken during last grape season. Fr. Cody gave an exhortation to the community on the Martyrs of the Eucharist, BB. James Sales and William Saultemouche. Fr. Francis Moore made his annual retreat here. During Lent Fr. Silva will preach on Wednesday nights at St. Mary's in Los Gatos. Fr. McKey has set off on a wine-selling trip to Texas.

LOYOLA HIGH

The Henry Welch Guild had its 21st birthday party Feb. 7, with 600 mothers attending.

Sports. Loyola won the Southwest Catholic Basketball Tournament this season. The team is picked to win the Catholic League and go into the CIF finals.

Art Linkletter was the featured attraction at a Dads-Sons rally honoring the basketball team, Feb. 4. The football coach, Jack Bouchard, left Loyola to become athletic director and gym teacher at Saint Anthony's, Long Beach.

Community. Fr. Rector (F. Harrington) spoke on Catholic education before the Mothers and Dads Club at Saint Bridget's Parish, Feb. 13. Bro. Joneleit is recovering nicely after a recent operation at Queen of the Angels hospital. Fr. Eugene Schallert returned to Alma after teaching here for six months.

Activities. Jan. 28 the annual Loyola University Day was held on this campus for the senior class. Fr. Casassa gave the introductory talk and representatives from the various departments of the University explained the requirements of their respective courses.

"Skipper Next to God," and major play of the year, was successfully given in two matinees and three night performances in our "renovated" auditorium. Much credit is due Messrs. Dempsey and Hogan in making the auditorium suitable for dramatic productions.

Seven of our students qualified in NROTC aptitude tests. One Loyola student gained honorable mention in the eleventh annual Science Talent Search for the Westinghouse Science Scholarship, conducted by science clubs of America.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Peace Meet. Fr. President (Casassa) presided at the luncheon session of the Regional Conference on Universities in World Affairs, Feb. 14. The conference took place on the campus of the California Institute of Technology, Feb. 12-14, and was sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Mr. Stanley Chan, Chairman of Loyola's Political Science Department, and Dr. James Kirk of the Department of Sociology, represented the University at the general meetings and panel discussions.

Lecturers. Negro History Week was celebrated at the University Feb. 11-16. Special exhibit cases in the library held part of the library's collection of works by Negro authors. Highlight of the week was the lecture in the Little Theater by Mr. Chester Washington on "The ABC's of Negro History." Mr. Washington is the West Coast editor for the Pittsburgh Courier, largest Negro newspaper in the world, and used to be a member of Joe Louis' business staff.

Mr. Fenton Moran, Executive Secretary of Catholic U's William Kerby Foundation, give the fifth lecture of the Annual Loyola Series, speaking on "Democracy

and Human Freedom."

Alumni. Five new members of the Alumni Board of Directors were welcomed at a dinner held for the Board by Fr. President, Feb. 25 at the University. Among the new directors is Walter Binns, who as Assistant District Attorney, is prosecuting the persons currently being tried in LA for Communist affiliations.

The 16 mm. color films, "This is Loyola," have been re-edited and can be obtained for showing at organization meetings. An attempt has been made to portray the spirit of Jesuit education, so that the films should have a universal appeal. Write Fr. Robert C. Graham at the University if you wish to schedule a showing of the films.

Loss and Gain. The community was sorry to lose Fr. Weckbach of the Physics Department to Bellarmine Prep, and Mr. Felt of the Mathematics Department to St. Ignatius High. Bob D'Angelo and Bill Tucker, Loyola debaters, tied for second place in the California Institute of Technology Annual Championship Debate held on the Caltech campus, Feb. 8-9. Mr. D. O'Sulivan is debate coach. The Mothers Guild rummage sale, Feb. 13-14, netted nearly $800.

MOUNT ST. MICHAEL'S

Anniversaries. On the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Fr. Wm. Driscoll celebrated his golden jubilee in the Society. Fr. Provincial (Small) sang a Solemn High Mass for him. On New Year's Eve Bro. Thorain commemorated his 70th year in the Society. Fr. Provincial celebrated a Mass for him in the infirmary while Fr. Minister (E. Lindekugel) sang a Solemn Mass in chapel. In the evening the choir sang the Solemn Te Deum in St. Aloysius Church. Bro. Derrick pronounced his final vows on the Feast of the Purification. To mark Father Rector's Day, Jan. 19, the Philosophers presented an adaptation of "Othello" directed by Mr. Fahrner.

Activities. Dr. Donald Wells of the Department of Philosophy at Washington State College spoke to the Philosophers on "Ethics and Truth." Dr. Well is a logical positivist and on previous occasions evoked keen interest in his philosophical position.

The Deaf Society's work has been facilitated by the gift of a '38 Ford from Mr. Robert Dellwo. Another benefactor will supply all the gas and oil needed for the visits to the deaf. On the night of Jan. 23 the lodge at Mt. Spokane burned down. It was then necessary to obtain permission to use the ski-patrol headquarters for February villa-day trips to the Mount. Several Philosophers were judges in the Northwest Debating Tournament (high school) sponsored by Gonzaga U. The three-day tournament took place in mid-semester.

Choir. Dec. 22 the choir sang a Requiem Mass at St. Aloysius for Mr. LeRoux's father. The next day they recorded a program of carols in the Mount chapel which was broadcast in the Northwest on Christmas Eve. Dec. 25 they spent the afternoon at Sacred Heart Hospital singing in the chapel and wards. Jan. 4 they sang a Requiem at St. Aloysius for the aunt of Fr. Rector (J. Dunne).

Changes. Fr. Cornelius Byrne, former Minister at the Mount and at St. Ignatius Mission, has been appointed Spiritual Father in place of Fr. Leo Robinson. Fr. Robinson has been in Sacred Heart Hospital since late September but is now able to say Mass and visit other patients. Mr. McAnulty is the new beadle, Mr. Cadden (Ore.) sub-beadle, Mr. Connors (Ore.) villa minister. Mr. Braus remains librarian.

PHOENIX

Visitors. Bishop Gercke was our overnight guest and in the morning said Mass in our church. The bishop enjoyed his short stay and promised to come back soon. A few days after his visit he returned to the Society in writing the deed for the Brophy property. Bishop Gilmore of Helena was also our overnight guest and promised to return. Msgr. Wm. Flannagan, Director of Catholic Charities for the SF Archdiocese, and Fr. Wm. O'Connor, who spent two weeks with the late Bishop O'Dowd in our rectory three years ago, were our guests for a week. Visitors during February were too numerous to mention. Three monsignori and dozens of priests, most of them seculars from the East and Midwest, said Mass in our domestic chapel. One Sunday seven outside priests said Mass in the church. They were all sincere in praising our hospitality.

Substitute. When Fr. Geo. Dunne's mother died, Fr. O'Mara substituted for him in the religious talks he was to give to the students at Arizona U. The choir and the Sodality of Our Lady both had a Solemn Requiem Mass sung for Fr. Dunne's mother. The Knights of Columbus are starting a new council in our parish and want Fr. Leahy for their chaplain. They plan to name it the Padre Kino Council. The other council is named after a Franciscan. The company that did the paving work on the parking area did not make provisions for the run-off of rain. Fr. Leahy made them correct this. In appreciation for what the doctors have done for us in Phoenix we invited twenty of them to our rectory for a buffet dinner. Fr. Provincial (J. O'Brien) made his visitation here Feb. 19-22.

PORT TOWNSEND

Lenten assignments: Fr. McAuliffe, Firland's; Fr. R. Vaughan, St. Anne's, Seattle; Fr. R. Vachon, City and County Hospital and St. Brigid's, S.F.; Fr. Marien, Blessed Sacrament, Hollywood; Fr. T. Flynn, St. Michael's, Portland; Fr. F. Dunn, St. Joseph's, San Jose; Fr. Kennard, Lewiston, Idaho; Fr. Morse, Hospital, Spokane; Fr. Hopkins, Ketchikan, Alaska; Fr. Kristovich, St. Mary's, San Jose; Fr. Zabala, St. Leo's Tacoma.

Hospital experiment: Fr. Kristovich, Providence, Seattle; Fr. Morse, Firland's. Fr. McAuliffe gave a Forty Hours at Flintridge Academy, Seattle. The house acquired a used army bus in place of the old truck. Fr. Kristovich was suddenly hospitalized in Providence for high blood pressure.

ST. CLARE'S CHURCH

The drive to pay for the Sisters' new convent, which will cost an estimated $150,000, got underway the first week in February. The drive manager, secretary and publicity man are salaried professionals, the other workers are volunteers. Fr. Hauck and Fr. Schmidt preached at the Masses, Feb. 3 and 10, stressing the parish's obligations to the Sisters.

In the last week of January the Portuguese of the parish put on a card party in the church basement, with about 462 players and 400 prizes. Returns went into the Church Building Fund. Feb. 8 the Dads Club had a very successful party for the children of the school. Movies, skits by the children and refreshments were features of the evening.

On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday preceding Lent, Fr. Plushkell will conduct the Forty Hours Devotions. Sunday evenings during Lent, Fr. Roser, Brazilian Jesuit, will conduct Lenten services in Portuguese, Wednesday evenings Fr. Cyril Kavanaugh in English. Fr. Joseph Geary of Los Gatos will give the Novena of Grace.

SODALITY

Fr. Joseph Howard will be a member of the SSCA staff in six cities this summer. The Summer Schools of Catholic Action will be held in St. Louis, Jackson, Miss., Lafayette, La., Dallas, Omaha, Detroit, Buffalo, Boston New York, and Chicago. Fr. Howard attended the meeting of Jesuit Province Sodality Directors in St. Louis, Jan. 25, and the Diocesan Sodality Directors convention held there Jan. 22-24. Archbishop Ritter addressed the latter meeting and Bishop Hickey of St. Louis was present at all the sessions.

Fr. James Mara of Alma gave the retreat talks during a two-day meeting of USF and Santa Clara Sodality officers held Feb. 9-10 on the Santa Clara campus. Besides engaging in spiritual exercises the officers met to discuss the Sodality as a way of life and Sodality attitudes towards the 1951 Time article on "The Younger Generation."

Fr. Francis Curran of the Queen's Work staff was placed in charge of the promotion of men's Sodalities throughout the nation.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Fr. Ring was very instrumental in the return of the County nurses to all the parochial schools. His talk before a group of pastors and principals and a few laymen, in the presence of the City Manager and Health Doctor, was so decisive that the City was forced to give the Catholic schools the same health facilities as the public schools.

Fr. Ring received 20 new members into the Third Order of Mount Carmel. This organization was started by a laywoman two years ago with only 5 members and now they have over 75. They have a perpetual rosary each First Saturday before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Fr. Franchi is chaplain of the newly formed St. Joseph's Scout Troop 66. Mr. Frank Aversente, a member of the Dads Club, is scoutmaster. Fr. Joseph O'Gara, Director of the Ladies Sodality, held a reception of new members, at which Fr. Howard, Regional Secretary, spoke. The reception closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Items: The interior of the church is gradually becoming a maze of scaffolding as plasterers, electricians and carpenters work daily to return St. Joseph's Church to its former beauty. The children of St. Joseph's School sold close to $1000 of tickets on a bicycle raffle. All the parish organizations will participate in the annual Parish Carnival to be held Feb. 22, 23, 24. Fr. Earley spoke at all the Masses, Feb. 17, in behalf of the Monitor and of the Carnival. The Lenten series will be given by Frs. Frank Dunn and Joseph O'Gara, the Three Hours by Fr. Hancock.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fr. Robidoux gave the invocation for the afternoon sessions of the Associated Farmers of California, Inc., at their annual meeting held in San Jose.

Fr. F. Dunn will be stationed here for lenten work.

Fr. Giambastiani is to give the Novena of Grace.

Fr. Plushkell gave the evening sermons for the Forty Hours Devotion.

Fr. Budde attended the banquet at the Hawaiian Gardens for the installation of officers of the St. Boniface Society and the St. Boniface Auxiliary. He also gave the invocation at the installation of officers of the Gold Star Mothers, and blessed the flag.

SAN FRANCISCO

University. The American Legion presented a commendation to Fr. President (Wm. Dunne) for the University's compulsory course on Soviet Communism in America.

Enrollment at the Labor-Management School exceeded all expectations. This year the group has a high proportion of union officials and people from a higher level of management. Enrollment in the Day Division is down, while the Evening Division is up, according to a general survey.

The USF soccer team played Temple U for the national collegiate soccer championship at Kezar Stadium. A crowd of about 7000 saw Temple win, 2-0.

Fr. Boss talked to the California Training Directors Association on "Fundamentals of Human Relations in Industry." He also spoke to a group of supervisors at Hunter's Point Naval Base. Dr. Charles Mohun, a well-known obstetrician of the Bay Area, with the aid of a model and various obstetrical instruments, gave the Fathers a very realistic casus conscientiae on abortion. After dinner with the community he answered numerous questions during recreation. His talk was most Catholic in outlook and delicate in delivery.

Church. Fr. Hastings of the Missouri Province, in residence here as a special student, pronounced his final vows Feb. 2.

Fr. Joseph Rock preached the sermons for the Forty Hours Devotion. The Jesuit Mothers held a successful card party in the USF auditorium. The proceeds go to defray expenses for the ordination breakfast given to ordinati and guests from out of the SF area. The Loyola Guild held a profitable rummage sale in the Civic Auditorum. Proceeds go for scholarships.

RECENT DEATHS

Mr. John R. Gleason, on Jan. 28, in New York.

Fr. Robert H. Johnson, on Jan. 25, in New York.

Fr. Joseph Lajoie, on Jan. 30, in Spokane.

Fr. Michael McNally, on Feb. 3, in Tampa.

Fr. Raymond J. McInnis, on Feb. 18, in Worcester, Mass.

The grandmother of Fr. Morse.

The father of Fr. Madigan.

The mother of Fr. Geo. Dunne.

The brother of Fr. Kearney.